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**Fort Polk Soldier killed in Iraq**

FORT POLK, La. – The Department of Defense announced today the identity of a Fort Polk Soldier killed while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Jason Alan Schumann, 23, of Hawley, Minnesota, died Saturday, May 19, near Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq. Schumann died of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Schumann was a Cavalry Scout assigned to Apache Troop, 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Infantry Division. Schumann joined the Army in Sept. 2001 and arrived at Fort Polk in Oct. 2004.

Schumann's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (w/one Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (w/one Oak Leaf Clusters), two Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Schumann is survived by his wife Laura, son Joe, and parents James and Lucinda Schumann.

Fort Polk mourns the loss of one of our great Soldiers. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

The incident is under investigation. A memorial service to honor Schumann is scheduled for 1 p.m., Thursday, May 24 at the Main Post Chapel, here.



Sergeant Jason Alan Schumann